SEM SMERLEY'S PROPERTY.

Mark Twain's Masterplere. He cotched a frog one day and took him home, and said he cal'lated to educate him; and so he never done nothing for three months but sit in his back yard and learn the frog how to jump. And you bet he did learn him too. He'd give him a little punch behind, and the next minute you'd see that frog whirling in the air like a doughnut—see him turn a summerset, and maybe a couple, if he get a good start, and come down flat-footed and all right like a cat. He got him up so in the matter of catching flies, and kept him in practice so constant, that he'd nail a fly every time as far as he could see him.

Smiley said that all the frog wanted was education, and he could do almost anything. and I believe him. Why I've seen him set Daniel Webster down here on the floor-Daniel Webster was the name of the frogand sing out:-"Flies, Dan'l, flies," and quicker'n you could wink he'd spring up and shake a fly off'n the counter there and flop down on the floor again as solid as a gob of mud, and fall to scratching the side of his head with his hind foot as indifferent as if he hadn't no idee he'd done any mor'n any frog might do. You never seed a frog so modest and straightfor ard as he was, for all he was so gifted. And when it came to a square jumping on a dead level, he could get over more ground at one straddle than any animal of his breed you ever see. Jumping on a dead level was his strong suit, you understand, and when it came to that Smiley would ante up money to him as long as he had a red. Smiley was monstrous proud of his frog, and well he might be, for fellers that had travelled and bin everywhere all said that he laid over every frog that they seed.

Well, Smiley kept the beast in a little lat-tice box, and he used to fetch it down town sometimes, and lay for a bet. Once a feller -a stranger in camp, he was-came across him with his box, and says:-

"What might it be you've got in the box?" And Smiley, sorter indifferent like:-"It might be a parrot, or it might be a canary, maybe; but it ain't, it's only just a

frog. And the feller took it and looked at it careful, and turned it around this way and that, and says:-

"H'm-so 'tis. Well, what's he good for?" "Well," Smiley says, easy and careless, "he's good enough for one thing, I should judge-he can outjump any frog in Calaveras county.

The feller took the box again and took another long and particular look, and gives it back to Smiley, and says very deliberate:-"Well, I don't see no points about that frog

that's any better'n any other frog."
"Maybe you don't," Smiley said. "Maybe you understand frogs, and maybe you don't understand 'em; maybe you ain't only an amateur, as it were. Anyways, I've got my opinion, and I'll risk forty dollars that he can outjump any frog in Calaveras county.'

And the feller studied a minute or two, and then says, kinder sad like-"Well, I'm only a stranger here, and I ain't got no frog, but if I had a frog I'd bet you.'

And then Smiley says:—"That's all right. That's all right. If you'll hold my box a minute, I'll go and get you a frog;" and so the feller took the box and put up his forty dollars along with Smiley's and sat down to

So he sat there a good while, thinking to hisself, and tuk the frog out and pried open his mouth and took a teaspoon and filled him full of quail shot—filled him pretty near up to the chin, and set him on the floor. Smiley, he went out to the swamp and slopped around in the mud for a long time, and finally he ketched a frog and fetched him in, and give him to the feller, and says:-

of Dan'l with his forepaws just even with Dan'l's, and I ll give you the word." Then he says, "one-two-three-jump!" and him and the feller touched up the frogs from behind, and the new frog hopped off lively, but Dan'l gave a heave, histed up his shoulder— so—like a Frenchman, but it wasn't no use; he couldn't budge; he was planted as solid as an anvil, and he couldn't no more stir than if he was anchored out. Smiley was a good deal surprised, and he was disgusted, too, but he didn't have no idea what the matter was, of course.

The feller took the money and started away, and when he was going out of the door he sorter jerked his thumb over his shoulder -this way at Daniel, and says, again, very deliberate, "Well, I don't see no other points about that frog that's any better'n any other

Smiley stood scratching his head and looking down on Dan'l a long time, and at last he says:-"I do wonder what in the nation that frog throwed off for; I wonder if there ain't something the matter with him; he pears to look mighty baggy somehow;" and he ketched Dan'l by the nape of the neck, and lifted him up and says, "Why, blame my cat, if he don't weigh five pounds," and turned him up-side down and he belched out a double handful of shot, and then he see how it was, and he was the maddest man! He set the frog down and took after that feller, but he never ketched

The Art of Being Happy.

Henry Ward Beecher says:-The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things. If we pitch our expectations high, if we are arrogant in our pretensions, if we will not be happy except when our self-love is gratified, our price stimulated, our vanity fed, or a fierce excitement kindled, then we shall have but little satisfaction out of this life! The whole globe is a museum to those who have eyes to see. Rare plays are unfolded before every man who can read the drama of life intelli gently. Not go to the theatres? Wicked to see plays? Every street is a theatre. One open his eyes without seeing unconscious players. There are "Othellos," and "Hamlets" and "Lears," and "Falstaffs," "Ophelias," "Resalinds," and "Juliets" all about us. Midsummer-night dreams are performing in our heavens. Happy? A walk up and down Fulton street, in Brooklyn, is as good as a play. The children, the nurses, the maidens, the mothers, the wealthy every-bodies, the queer men, the unconscious buffoons, the drolls, the earnest nonsense, and the whimsical earnestness of men, the shop-windows, the cars, the horses, the carriages-bless usthere is not half time enough to enjoy all that there is not half time enough to enjoy all that is to be seen in these things! Or, if the mood takes you, go in and talk with the people—choosing, of course, fitting times and seasons. Be cheerful yourself, and goodnatured, and respectful, and every man has a secret for you worth knowing. There is a schoolmaster waiting for you behind every door. Every shopman has a look of life different from yours. Human nature puts on different from yours. Human nature puts on as many kinds of foliage as trees do, and is far better worth studying. Anger is not alike in any two men, nor pride, nor vanity, nor love. Every fool is a special fool, and there is no duplicate. What are trades and

all kinds of business but laboratories where | the ethereal thought is transmuted into some visible shape of matter? What are workmen but translators of mind into matter? Men are cutting, sawing, filing, fitting, joining, polishing. But every article is so much mind condensed into matter. Work is incarnation. Nobody knows a city who only drives along its streets. There are vaults under streets, cellars under houses, attics above, shows behind. At every step men are found tucked away in some queer nook, doing unexpected things, themselves odd, and full of entertain-

ing knowledge. It is kindly sympathy with human life that enables one to seenre happiness. Pride is like an unsilvered glass, through which all sights pass, leaving no impression. But sympathy, like a mirror, catches everything that lives. The whole world makes pictures for a mirror-heart. The best of all is, that a kind heart and a keen eye are never within the sheriff's reach. He may sequester your goods. But he cannot shut up the world or confiscate human life. As long as these are left one may defy poverty, neglect of friends, and even, to a degree, misfortune and sick-ness, and still find hours brimful every day of innocent and nourishing enjoyment.

The Cotton Outlook.

From the N. Y. Shipping and Commercial List. The receipts at the ports, though gradually falling off, are still quite high for the season, and from the commencement of the cotton year, stand about thirty-two per cent. above the corresponding period in 1868-69. The highest price of the season in this market was thirty-five cents for middling upland, in the early part of September, from which it gradually declined to twenty-one and a quarter cents, under the heavy fall in the gold premium. From that point there has been a recovery of about two cents, the current quotation being twenty-three and a half cents. The popular estimates of the current crop are two and three quarters to three millions of bales, but should the receipts during the next three or four weeks fall off as heavily as anticipated by many, some modification from the top estimate is not improbable. The market during the last fortnight has derived considerable firmness from the unexpected strong tone at Liverpool, which appears to have resulted from tardy arrivals of the Indian staple, and moderate stocks. As to the course of prices during the next few months, there is, as usual, a diversity of views, though the popular opinion seems to be that until there shall be a full year's supply, and a considerable augmentation of reserve to carry over to the beginning of another year, for all the manufacturing world, a material permanent decline is not probable. Much, however, will depend upon the condition of industries now at rather a low ebb on both sides of the Atlantic.

The planting season at the South is now at hand, and there is every indication that an increased breadth of land will be planted under the stimulus of good prices. The cost of producing cotton under the present system, in the hands of good managing planters, it is said does not exceed fifteen cents per pound: many of them, in a successful crop like this one, make it for twelve cents, including interest on their investment, at current value. As a price equal to twenty cents leaves a profit beyond that afforded by any other branch of agricultural industry, the Southern planters will be very apt to exert themselves to

the utmost to get in a large area.

Meanwhile the English cotton manufacturers are making the most persistent efforts to increase the supply in British India, in order to successfully compete with the United States. The maximum exporting power of India, with high prices, is stated by a leading English authority at 1,900,000 bales; but now Now, if you are ready, set him alongside that the impediments which have for seven or eight years stood between the foreign spinner and his normal source of supply are gradually being removed, a point has probably been reached from which the Indian culture will retrograde, for it is a conceded fact that under a moderate scale of prices that country cannot compete. As to quality, it is simply a physical impossibility for the Indian cultivator to grow cotton at all comparable with ours. The Indian staple is invariably short, harsh, and troublesome in the processes of machinery. This is the indigenous sort. Attempts have been made to obviate the stubborn difficulty by the importation and naturalization of American seed. Even then the produce, though superior to the native one, is largely behind that in our Southern States. In the second year this degeneracy increases; and soon the growth is as unacceptable as the Surat. In fact, foreign manufacturers have no reliable sources but this country. The dependence may be galling, but it is unavoidable. Our climate and soil are fitted by nature to produce that peculiar variety of raw material which cannot be dispensed with in textile fabrics used for wearing apparel. All this has long been known, and if we now allude to facts so patent, it is because of the renewed efforts in a comparative hopeless rivalry. We shall not only reach the ante bellum production of cotton, within a very few years, but the English spinners will not unlikely experience an additional shock from the transfer of British machinery and operatives to American soil, where the conditions for manufacturing are superior to any other part of the world. Mr. Cobden's significant atterance that British-Indo "cotton-growers must be prepared for a revival of American industry, and the competition of the world," is now in a fair way for a full realization.

French School-Boys.

Our French cousins have been having trouble of late with their school-boys. Those ingenuous youths, whom one may observe strutting about the Paris boulevards of a Sunday afternoon, with military kepis on their heads, and tunies generally too small for them, have been breaking out into revolt in different lycses of the capital and provinces; and the papers have been entertaining with lively accounts of the obstreperous doings of the young gentlemen. This is not very amusing for the new Minister of Public Instruction, M. Segris; for when there are schelastic riots the "Grand Master of the University" has usually a fine amount of work on his hands in trying to ascertain who are most to blame—the boys for rebelling, the masters for driving the boys to rebel lion, or the red tape rules of French school management under which revolts case it was the bad quality of the food; in two others, the unpopularity of the head-master; in another, the attempt to abolish the week's holiday at Christmas; in another, again, some unpleasant business in connection with religious observances, which it was thought to en-

force by means of punishments; and in the last, that of Nevers, the arbitrary expulsion of some juvenile Radicals who had organized a subscription for the monument to Victor Noir. In every instance the complexion assumed by the rebellion has been the same. French boys are not particularly remarkable for practical sense, and appear to take pattern by some of their elders in their love for extravegant demonstrations. When they are dissatisfied they rise and sing the "Marseillaise" (it is very curious to hear a French lad shout, "Qu'un sang impur abreuve nos sillons!" apropos of tough beef). They smash desks and forms, sing "Vive Rochefort!" open the school-gates, spread riotous and bawling through the streets, are solemaly expelled in a body, and finally readmitted again, with the exception of ten or a dozen of the ringleaders, sacrificed as scapegoats for the sins of the rest.

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Witness the Hon. JOHN CADWALADER, Witness the Hon. JOHN CADWALADER, L. S. Judge of the said District Court, and the seal thereof, at Philadelphia, the 18th day of March, A. D. 1870.;

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Estate of JAMES RICE, deceased.

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